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4. The method of claim ³1, wherein ~~the step of~~ checking the hook status comprises ~~the step of~~ checking the status of the lines each time a line goes from off-hook to on-hook.

5. The method of claim ³1, wherein ~~the step of determining~~ ^{checking} the hook status of all of the lines comprises ~~the step of~~ periodically checking the status of the lines.

REMARKS

Currently claims 2-5 are pending in the application. Applicant will file additional claims in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner begins the examination without receiving the new claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the below signed attorney to receive a copy of the new claims.

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WITH MULTICARRIER TELEPHONY TRANSPORT

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Cross Reference to Related Cases

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial Nos. (Atty Docket #500.615US1), 08/311964, 08/457295, and 08/457317, which applications are incorporated by reference. This application is related to U.S. Application Serial Nos. 08/384659, 08/455340, 08/455059, 08/457294, 08/457110, 08/456871, 08/457022, and 08/457037, which applications are incorporated by reference.

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to the field of communication systems. More particularly, the present invention relates to communication systems with multicarrier telephony transport.

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Background of the Invention

Two information services found in households and businesses today include television, or video, services and telephone services. Another information service involves digital data transfer which is most frequently accomplished using a modem connected to a telephone service. All further references to telephony herein shall include both telephone services and digital data transfer services.

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Characteristics of telephony and video signals are different and therefore telephony and video networks are designed differently as well. For example, telephony information occupies a relatively narrow band when compared to the bandwidth for video signals. In addition, telephony signals are low frequency whereas NTSC standard video signals are transmitted at carrier frequencies greater than 50 MHz. Accordingly, telephone transmission networks are relatively narrow band systems which operate at audio frequencies and which typically serve the

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